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PATENT  
Docket No. 275.00030102

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Li et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1635  
Serial No.: 10/038,984 )  
Confirmation No.: 9705 )  
Filed: January 4, 2002 )  
For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR IN VIVO AND IN VITRO  
ATTENUATION OF GENE EXPRESSION USING DOUBLE STRANDED  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
Mail Stop Amendment  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."